

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Long on February 1, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) Sanding element with a succession of overlapping lamellas (3,4) comprising [containing] sanding grains (9), characterised in that these lamellas (3,4) are alternately formed of sanding lamellas (3) and compressible lamellas (4), said compressible lamellas (4) comprise non-woven fibres (10), whereby each sanding lamella (3) rests on a compressible lamella (4), where the sanding lamellas (3) and the compressible lamellas (4) are fixed on a substantially round disc shaped support (2); where an exposed surface of the lamellas (3,4) extend beyond the support (2), the exposed surfaces are [is] formed by a short side (6) and a long side (7) of each lamella (3,4); and where the exposed [surface is] surfaces are angled [differently] radially from [than] the support (2).

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) Sanding element according to claim 1, characterised in that said sanding lamellas (3) and/or the compressible lamellas (4) are composed of several lamellas of the type concerned [; where the sanding lamellas (3) and the compressible lamellas (4) are fixed on the support (2); and where the support (2) is substantially a round disc shape].

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) Sanding element according to claim 2, characterised in that said compressible lamellas [contain] comprise [non-woven fibres (10), more particularly] non-woven synthetic fibres.

Claim 11, line 2, [the] before 'free edges' was deleted; line 3, [those] was changed to --- the ---.

Claims 13-19 have been canceled.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eileen P. Morgan whose telephone number is 571.272.4488. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 7am-3:30pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Hail can be reached on 571.272.4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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